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work	inder were German prisoners-of-war. The ing in the laboratory. The following p	personnel were identi	fied by name:	
a.	Dr. Menke (fnu) - a biologist and a pur	all of Prof. Noack (f)	u).	
	Dr. Kurt Mie - a physicist who left becand was transferred to Moscow; he return of 1946?	ause of sickness in lined to East Germany	Recember 1946 In the summer	
c.	Dr. Stendel (fnu) from AEG, a Ramsauer	pupil, successor to l	Mie in 1946.	
d. 1	Prof. Fritz Thiessen - a department chie	f with Ardenne.	•	
	Herbert Reibedanz - belonged to Ardenne still with him; he is believed to be thorganizational talents.	's laboratory in Berl e research man behind	in and was Ardenne's	
f.]	Alexander Bergengruen - Ardenne's fathé Ardenne but they do not see eye to eye.	r-in-law. He was also	still with	V
2. In 19	948, Ardenne received a prize of 50,000	rubles. Ostensibly	this prize	

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was awarded for new developments on the electron microscope, but it was rumored among the Germans that this was merely an elegant way to pay for Ardenne's laboratory. Until that time, Ardenne had maintained that the laboratory, which he brought with him from Berlin-Lichterfelde in 1945, was his own property. The other Germans there believed that the Soviets settled the matter this way rather than entering a discussion with Ardenne

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- 3. The following personnel left Ardenne in 1951:
 - a. Dr. Max Steenbeck he is known to have met Prof. Max Vollmer in Moscow and is believed to have worked on isotope separation (mechanical).
 - b. Herr Dames (fnu) originally employed by the German Ministry of Propaganda. Dames joined the Ardenne group when Ardenne needed a photography specialist because he had the entry "film section" in his PW records. It is not believed that he ever took any research pictures while with Ardenne, but he was useful in holding school for the German children.
 - c. Dr. Haren (fnu)4 an MD prisoner-of-war.
 - d. Dr. Stendel
- 4. Dr. Thiessen was known to be with Ardenne still in 1951 when he met several Germans in Moscow. He stated then that he was working in libraries and institutions in Moscow. At the same time, he mentioned that the installations at the Ardenne Institute were very good, "as good as any KWI".
- 5. The Moscow collection and transit camp for German scientists was at Osyeri (phonetic spelling), southwest of Moscow. This place was built originally by a rich Russian merchant and was in fact a large villa with two brick lions at the entrance. At some time before the war, it had been the residence of Yagoda; and after his downfall, the buildings were taken over by the NKVD. Immediately after the war, it was General Paulus residence. After he left, it was returned to the NKVD, which used it as a transit camp for German scientists. All Germans in the camp were particularly warned never to mention its name or location anywhere.

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The following persons resided there in 1947 or 1948:

a. Prof. Schindlmeister (fnu)⁶ - a nuclear physicist from Vienna; he worked in Moscow in an institute that had an unusually large number of guards.

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- b. Prof. Vollmer
- c. Dr. Bewilogua (fnu)7- Vollmer's assistant.
- d. Dr. Richtér (fnu) a pupil of Prof. Becker in Leipzig and Vollmer's assistant.
- e. Dr. Beierl (fnu) a physico-chemist; worked with Hartek 8 during the war.
- f. An assistant (name unknown) to Bewilogua worked with Linde Eismaschinen during the war on low temperatures by liquification and on V-2; he died in 1949.

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: ·	Prof. Kronenberg (fnu) - was believed to have received his professor-
	ship from Prof. Robert Rompe after the war. He was a convinced
	Communist who used his political status for non-cooperation. Eventually, the man seems to have overtaxed Soviet patience, because
	he suddenly disappeared. His field was reportedly uranium fluorites.
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